MINUTES of the SPECIAL INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING held at the Clarke Theatre, 33700 Prentis Avenue, British Columbia, on November 1, 2018 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Randy Hawes
Councillor Pam Alexis
Councillor Carol Hamilton
Councillor Jim Hinds
Councillor Rhett Nicholson
Councillor Danny Plecas
Councillor Jenny Stevens

Council Elect Present: Cal Crawford
Mark Davies
Jag Gill
Ken Herar

Staff Members Present: Ron Poole, Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Younie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Officer
Michael Boronowski, Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives
Christine Brough, Executive Assistant

CEREMONIAL PROCESSION

Council was led into the auditorium by Piper Barry Johnston, accompanied by Howie Price and Colin White of the Mission Fire Rescue Service Honour Guard and Sergeant Rob Wheeler and Constable Eric Noel of the Mission RCMP Detachment. Johnny Williams, Sq'ewlets First Nation Councillor, Head Priest Kulwant Singh, Gur Sikh Society, and Chaplain Andy Kwak, Mission Fire Rescue Service joined in the procession.

WELCOME SONG

Johnny Williams, Sq'ewlets First Nation Councillor, performed a welcome song.

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Hawes acknowledged that we are on the unceded, ancestral and shared territory of the Sto:lo People and that the municipality is on Kwantlen, Leq'a:mel, Matsqui and Sq'ewlets territories. He also thanked the 2014-2018 Council for their service, congratulated the 2018-2022 Council on their election victory and thanked and welcomed everyone for attending today’s ceremony.
1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Inaugural Meeting of Council was called to order at 1:13 p.m.

2. PRAYERS

Head Priest Kulwant Singh, Gur Sikh Society, and Chaplain Andy Kwak, Mission Fire Rescue Services Chaplain, offered prayers.

3. O CANADA

Mayor Hawes asked everyone to stand for the singing of O Canada, led by Mr. Jack Ethier.

All stood for the singing of O Canada.

4. EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

The Chief Administrative Officer expressed appreciation on behalf of the District of Mission to Council for their service to the community and presented all members with a small gift to commemorate their time in office.

5. RECESS THE MEETING

The meeting was recessed at 1:29 p.m.

OATHS OF OFFICE

As required by the Local Government Act and the Community Charter, Mayor Elect Pam Alexis, and Councillors Elect Cal Crawford, Mark Davies, Jag Gill, Carol Hamilton, Ken Herar and Danny Plecas made the oath of office before Mike Younie, Corporate Officer for the District of Mission. They then assumed their seats at the Council table.

6. RECONVENE THE MEETING

Mayor Alexis reconvened the Special Inaugural meeting of the 2018-2022 Council of the District of Mission to order at 1:44 p.m.
7. MAYOR’S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mayor Alexis gave the following Inaugural Address:

“Good afternoon. Welcome all Dignitaries, Freemen, Friends, and Family!

Thank you so much for participating in today’s Inaugural Council Meeting. In particular, I would like to thank:

- Johnny Williams, Sq’ewlets First Nation Councillor and aboriginal cultural worker with the Mission Public Schools for the welcome song;
- Barry Johnston, who kindly served as our piper;
- both Kulwant Singh, Head Priest of the Gur Sikh Society and Andy Kwak, the Chaplain for the Mission Fire Rescue Service, for their prayers;
- Howie Price and Colin White of the Mission Fire Rescue Service Honour Guard and Sergeant Rob Wheeler and Constable Eric Noel of the Mission RCMP detachment; and
- Jack Ethier for the singing of O Canada.

On behalf of the entire community, thank you to everyone who put their names forward as candidates in the municipal election. It takes great courage to do so.

Congratulations to those who were successful at winning a seat on the School Board and on Council. I look forward to working with everyone!

At this time, I would like to say a special thank you to members of the outgoing council.

Randy Hawes, who served as Mayor, thank you for your leadership. You have served Mission in various capacities for many, many years. We are grateful for your dedication to the community.

Jim Hinds, who served on Council, thank you for your service to our community. We will miss your passion for Mission’s history at the Council table.

Rhett Nicholson, who served on Council and did not seek re-election, thank you for always bringing a youthful perspective to the Council table. We wish you every success with the family business.

And, finally, Jenny Stevens, who served 19 years on Council, thank you for your outstanding commitment to this community. We will miss that impeccable memory of yours as well as your long term vision for Mission’s future. Enjoy your retirement on the island with your family.

The past four years were very productive. The outgoing Council has much to be proud of.

Over the past term, Council oversaw the addition of an artificial turf field, a new skate park, major improvements to the downtown core, an investment in new infrastructure in our parks, the renewal of our Official Community Plan, a Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan, and hired 6 new RCMP officers and several firemen as we moved to 24-seven staffing at Firehall number one.
There are numerous other initiatives underway. We are still working on a new homeless shelter and a seniors housing complex that will include a seniors centre. I look forward to advancing these with the new Council and our partners in the community. Stay tuned!

We have met informally as a new Council but, as yet, have not had a chance to formalize our strategic objectives. We have agreed, however, that the focus of the next four years will include the following:

- That we need to continue to improve how we connect with our community. We will start with new meeting times in 2019 so that more people can join us in the Council Chambers and will continue to enhance communications and engagement to be more inclusive.

- That we are open for business and recognize we need to improve our processes in many areas and, in order to achieve this, we will be looking for feedback from our clients.

- That people matter. We know that growth is inevitable; however, we will need to ensure that our sense of community is intact and that growth benefits the community and builds, not detracts, from our neighbourhoods. Through growth we must be especially mindful of our more vulnerable citizens and our youth.

- That a vision for the future is essential. In order to achieve this, we will form a Vision 150 team that will determine what we will need to set as goals for moving Mission into the future.

- And, finally, that all relationships matter and we look forward to working respectfully with all of our partner groups.

Mission is a caring, inclusive community. We have been leaders historically in being the first to elect an Indo Canadian Mayor in 1954. Mission’s first female alderman was elected in 1957 for the newly-incorporated Town of Mission City, and in 1960 she was elected Mayor. And Mission was the first community in BC to elect a Mayor from Kenya in 2005.

We do have important work ahead in delivering on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – and we are committed to that work.

It is fitting that the həńqəmən̓əm name provided for the Stave West Forest and Recreation Area by Elders and Council for the Kwantlen Nation means “Everyone shares here”.

The 2018 election produced another first for Mission. The Indo Canadian community is now represented by two Councillors. Welcome Councillor Jag Gill and Councillor Ken Herar whose leadership will ensure a strong voice at the table for their community.

You have also elected Councillor Cal Crawford, a long-time community volunteer. We look forward to his guidance.

Newcomer Councillor Mark Davies will bring a freshness to the table and a voice from the young family perspective.
Your new Council also includes Councillor Danny Plecas and Councillor Carol Hamilton who are seasoned elected representatives who bring continuity to the table to ensure that the good work underway will be seen to completion.

I am the third female (and first of Greek descent) Mayor to be elected. I am very proud to represent the women in the community and want to serve as a role model for women in the future who are seeking leadership positions in every sector. Along with Councillor Hamilton, we will introduce the Minerva Foundation to our community to provide programs that support balanced leadership.

It has taken extraordinary courage to get to where I am today and I need to recognize the strength of all the women in my life who have been role models, including my mother, my sisters, and my daughter, and Heather Stewart, and all the former female Councillors who came before me.

We are all passionate about the success of our community. I want to be visible in the community. I want to talk with you. And I want to walk with you. I had so much fun throughout the campaign walking Mission that I would like to begin a program called Take a Walk with the Mayor. We will be walking in different neighbourhoods which will complement the existing walking programs offered through Parks, Recreation and Culture.

It is now my pleasure to share with you the committee appointments. This is not likely the complete list as others will be added once we get started.”

8. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

The Mayor read out the following appointments to boards and external committees.

Joint Shared Services Committee
(i) Mayor Alexis
(ii) Councillor Plecas
(iii) Councillor Crawford
(iv) Councillor Davies (Alternate)
(v) Councillor Hamilton (2nd Alternate)

Downtown Mission Business Association
(i) Councillor Hamilton
(ii) Councillor Gill (Alternate)

FVRD Board of Directors and FVRD Hospital Board of Directors.
(i) Mayor Alexis
(ii) Councillor Hamilton
(iii) Councillor Plecas (Alternate)
(iv) Councillor Crawford (Alternate)
FVRD Regional and Corporate Services (RACS) Committee
(i) Mayor Alexis, with Councillor Hamilton as the Alternate

Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee (FVARC)
(i) Councillor Hamilton
(ii) Mayor Alexis (Alternate)
(iii) Councillor Plecas (2nd Alternate)

Fraser Valley Regional Library Board
(i) Councillor Plecas
(ii) Councillor Herar (Alternate)

Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC)
(i) Councillor Davies
(ii) Councillor Gill (Alternate)

Mission Association for Senior Housing
(i) Councillor Plecas
(ii) Councillor Gill (Alternate)

Mission Community Services Society Board
(i) Councillor Crawford
(ii) Councillor Herar (Alternate)

Mission District Historical Society
(i) Councillor Davies
(ii) Councillor Crawford (Alternate)

Mission Community Foundation
(i) Councillor Hamilton

Mission International Cultural Association (MICA)
(i) Councillor Crawford

Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce
(i) Mayor Alexis
(ii) Councillor Crawford (Alternate)

Mission Seniors’ Centre Association
(i) Councillor Crawford

Moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Crawford, and
RESOLVED: That the appointment of representatives to various boards and external committees be approved.
CARRIED
9. APPOINTMENTS TO SELECT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The Mayor read out the following appointments to Select Committees and Commissions.

**Economic Development Select Committee**
(i) Mayor Alexis

**Emergency Planning Committee**
(i) Councillor Plecas  
(ii) Councillor Gill  
(iii) Councillor Davies (Alternate)

**Mission Community Wellness Committee**
(i) Councillor Davies

**Mission Sustainable Housing Committee**
(i) Councillor Hamilton (non-voting member)

**Mission Traffic and Transit Committee (MTTC)**
(i) Councillor Plecas, Chair  
(ii) Councillor Herar, Vice-Chair

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**
(i) Councillor Herar

**Stave West Forest & Recreation Area Leadership Team**
(i) Mayor Alexis

**Cultural Resources Commission**
(i) Councillor Gill  
(ii) Mayor Alexis

**Mission Community Heritage Commission**
(i) Councillor Crawford  
(ii) Councillor Hamilton (Alternate)

Moved by Councillor Plecas, seconded by Councillor Herar, and
RESOLVED: That the Select Committee and Commission appointments be approved.
CARRIED
10. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR

The Mayor read out the following Acting Mayor appointments.

2018/2019

Councillor Davies (November 2018/May 2019)
Councillor Crawford (December 2018/June 2019)
Councillor Gill (January 2019/July 2019)
Councillor Plecas (February 2019/August 2019)
Councillor Herar (March 2019/September 2019)
Councillor Hamilton (April 2019/October 2019)

2019/2020

Councillor Davies (November 2019/May 2020)
Councillor Crawford (December 2019/June 2020)
Councillor Gill (January 2020/July 2020)
Councillor Plecas (February 2020/August 2020)
Councillor Herar (March 2020/September 2020)
Councillor Hamilton (April 2020/October 2020)

2020/2021

Councillor Davies (November 2020/ May 2021)
Councillor Crawford (December 2020/June 2021)
Councillor Gill (January 2021/July 2021)
Councillor Plecas (February 2021/August 2021)
Councillor Herar (March 2021/September 2021)
Councillor Hamilton (April 2021/October 2021)

2021/2022

Councillor Davies (November 2021/May 2022)
Councillor Crawford (December 2021/June 2022)
Councillor Gill (January 2022/July 2022)
Councillor Plecas (February 2022/August 2022)
Councillor Herar (March 2022/September 2022)
Councillor Hamilton (April 2022/October 2022)

In the absence of the designated Acting Mayor for a period in excess of two consecutive calendar months due to resignation, invalidation, disqualification, incapacity, or death, and subject to the Local Government Act, the Council may, by majority vote of its members, elect a member of Council to serve as Acting Mayor during the said absence and until a by-election or general election fills the vacancy.

In the event that Council does not elect such an Acting Mayor, the office of Acting Mayor will continue to be filled by the respective Councillors, the Acting Mayor for the previous time period being the first alternate and the Acting Mayor for the subsequent time period being the second alternate.
Moved by Councillor Davies, seconded by Councillor Gill, and
RESOLVED: That the Acting Mayor appointments be approved.
CARRIED

11. AUTHORIZATION OF DOCUMENT EXECUTION

Moved by Councillor Crawford, seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and
RESOLVED: That the Mayor and the Corporate Officer be authorized to execute all
documents and agreements on behalf of the District of Mission.
CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Plecas, and
RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

PAMELA ALEXIS
MAYOR

MIKE YOUNIE
CORPORATE OFFICER